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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMPENSATION COMMISSION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DECISION CONCERNING THE EGYPTIAN WORKERS' CLAIMS (DOCUMENT S/AC.26/Dec.43 (1997)) MADE AT THE 71ST MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 1997 AT GENEVA

The Governing Council recalls that, as noted in paragraph 22 of the Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 19 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) (document S/22559, dated 2 May 1991), the United Nations Compensation Commission does not have exclusive competence to consider claims against Iraq arising from Iraq's unlawful invasion and occupation of Kuwait.

Thus, all claimants have the right to pursue their claims through other mechanisms. This includes claimants covered by paragraph 5 of Decision 43, taken on 1 October 1997, concerning the Egyptian Workers' Claims.

However, Governments are reminded that they must observe the requirements of Decision 13 (S/AC.26/1992/13, dated 25 September 1992) to avoid multiple recovery of compensation by claimants for the same loss.

It will also be recalled that under paragraph 16 of UN Security Council resolution 687 (1991) the debts and obligations of Iraq arising prior to 2 August 1990 are to be addressed through the normal mechanisms.